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CALIFORNIA HIV PLANNING GROUP (CHPG)

What we do:

The California HIV Planning Group (CHPG), a combined HIV prevention and care statewide working group, provides community perspectives, advice, and recommendations to the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (CDHS/OA) in the planning and development of programs and allocation of resources.

Who we serve:

Community planning, one of the nine required components of a comprehensive HIV prevention program as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a participatory partnership between health departments and populations infected with or at risk for HIV. CDC expects HIV community planning to improve HIV prevention programs by strengthening the scientific basis, community relevance, and population- or risk-based focus of HIV prevention interventions. The basic intent of the process is to: 1) increase meaningful community involvement in prevention planning; 2) improve the scientific basis of program decisions; and 3) target resources to those communities at highest risk for HIV transmission.

What you should know:

- Membership reflects the diverse geographic, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, HIV status, and areas of professional expertise across the state.
- At least 25 percent of the members are people living with HIV.
- Members are selected through an annual application process.
- Membership terms are two years.
- Special needs and accommodations are made for members with disabilities (including HIV-related disabilities).
- Meetings are open to the general public and each meeting includes a public comment session.

What we have done:

CHPG continues to make substantial progress to improve its ability to address HIV prevention and care needs across California. In 2003, CHPG recommended a new funding formula for allocation of HIV prevention funds and established new task forces: HIV/AIDS related women's health; injection drug use/substance use; gay men and men who have sex with men; and prevention and care integration. A new working group for transgendered health issues was approved in August 2005, and after one year as a successful working group will be able to conduct task force work.

Helpful resources:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration <http://www.hrsa.gov>.



- For information on OA's mission, OA programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Website <http://www.hivinfo.org>.

For information about HIV/AIDS, call the:

- *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD).
- *National AIDS Hotline* at (800) 342-AIDS (English), (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish), or (800) 243-7889 (TDD).